

FISCAL NOTE

SB 522 - HB 902

April 17, 2001

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Administrative Office of the Courts to provide the district attorneys general, public defenders, and the clerks of the court access to interpreter services for persons who speak foreign languages. The services would be required to be provided over the telephone by accredited interpreters and be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week in as many as 140 languages.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$1,000,000

Assumes the need for services will be in excess of 5,000 hours annually at a rate of \$270 per hour.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James A. Davenport". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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